

Application Serial No. 10/043,053
Amendment A
Reply to Office Action of September 14, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is being submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 14, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire December 14, 2005, wherein:

Claims 1-27 were previously pending; and

Claims 1-27 were rejected.

No claims have been added, amended, or canceled by this paper. Accordingly, claims 1-27 remain currently pending in the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment and respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Objection to Applicants' Abstract

In the present Office Action, Applicants' Abstract was objected to as being too long. Applicants have amended the Abstract herein and respectfully submit that the Examiner's objection is overcome.

Double Patenting Rejection

In the present Office Action, Applicants' claims 1-27 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-31 of United States Patent No. 6,772,217 issued to Baumann, et al. In response to the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have filed herewith a terminal disclaimer and therefore respectfully submit that the Examiner's rejection is overcome. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable and earnestly solicit notice thereof.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in the above referenced patent application. Please charge the required Terminal Disclaimer fee of \$130.00 to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0457**.

No extension of time for this response is believed to be necessary in conjunction with this paper. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 09-0457**.

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